



The Fisher Flyer

Official Newsletter of Fisher Island Day School

September 5, 2019

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, & Staff,

Hurricane Dorian. I would like to thank the entire FIDS community for their cooperation during the threat and aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. Any disruption to our routines pales in comparison to the challenges our Bahamian neighbors now face. Our communication plans worked flawlessly, and I would like to commend FIDS's dedicated faculty and staff for their can-do attitude during this time of uncertainty.

New-Parent Reception/Back-to-School Open House. On **Thursday evening, September 12, 2019**, we will host our New-Parent Reception and Back-to-School Open House. **These events are for parents only!**



- **6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. New-Parent Reception.** Parents new to Fisher Island Day School are invited for refreshments and a "meet and mingle" in the Neff Family Library, prior to the Open House.
- **6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Back-to-School Open House.** All parents are invited for opening remarks by our Board of Trustees' President, our Parent Association leadership, and the Head of School, followed by time in your child(ren)'s classroom(s). Teachers will provide an overview of the many exciting educational endeavors that will be taking place this coming year. Open House is not the time for individual parent-teacher conferences. Individual parent conferences will take place the week of September 23 – 27, 2019. Please see your child's teacher to schedule your conference.
- **Parking for New-Parent Reception/Back-to-School Open House.**

Island Residents

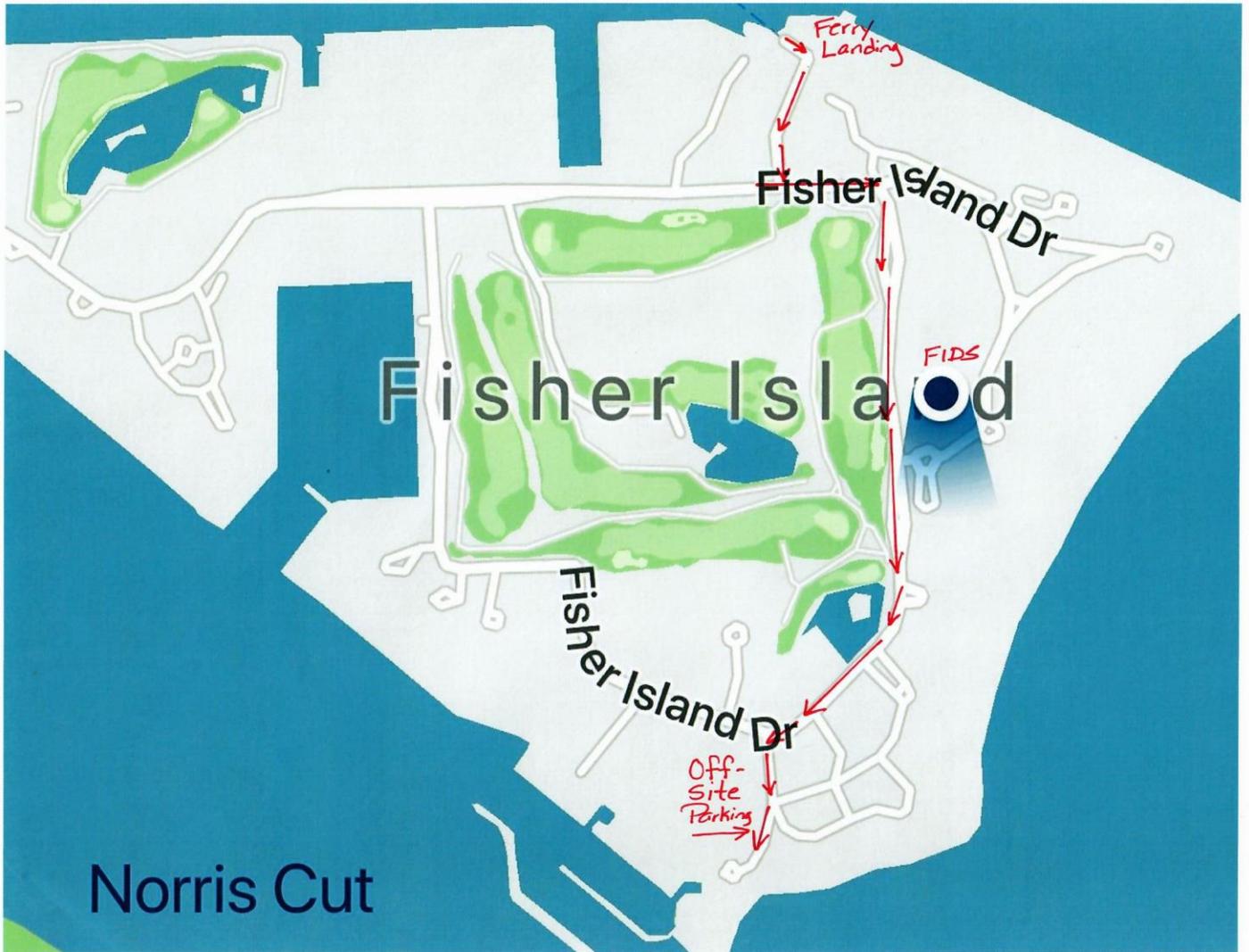
- Island residents should arrive via golf cart and park on the grassy area located in the northwest corner in front of FIDS.

Non-Island Residents

- Due to limited parking and ferry queues, please adhere to the following:
 1. Parents new to Fisher Island Day School in the 2019-2020 school year—and parents who have purchased ferry decals—should park their cars in the school parking lot.
 2. All other guests should park their cars in the off-site lot designated on the map on page 2.
 3. FIDS will offer continuous shuttle service between the off-site parking lot and the school between 6:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
 4. **Ferry clearances will be provided based on RSVPs received by Tuesday, September 11th. RSVP to your child's homeroom teacher.**

Introducing . . . FIDS's 2019-2020 Parent Association Co-Chairs. I am pleased to announce that our Parent Association (PA) Co-Chairs are Mrs. Anna Mehrabi and Mrs. Katie Volé. Please join me in welcoming Anna and Katie! Collectively, they have eight children who attend FIDS.

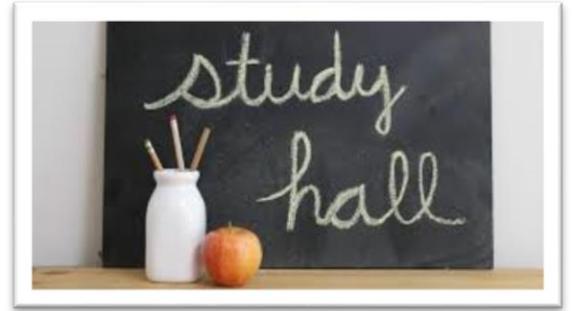
Off-Site Parking for New-Parent Reception/Back-to-School Open House



2018 - 2019 FIDS Photo Yearbook. Thanks go to FIDS's Middle School Broadcasting Team and Ms. Allie Albright and Mrs. Lynn de Araujo—middle-school teachers—for compiling and editing the 2018-2019 yearbook. Price of yearbooks will depend on the package ordered and type of shipping selected. The yearbook may be ordered through Shutterfly by clicking [here](#) or on the link below:

<https://link.shutterfly.com/e/14NmqqatyZ>

Study Hall. As a service to FIDS families, we are offering daily Study Hall. FIDS's Study Hall provides the opportunity for students to do their homework, study independently, or read silently. The goal of FIDS's Study Hall is to provide an environment that encourages learning and focuses on study skills during after-school hours. Important details:



- **Who:** FIDS students in Grades K-8
- **What:** Study Hall
- **When:** Mon. – Fri. afternoons
- **Where:** Neff Family Library
- **How:**
 - There will be a teacher supervising students from 3:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.
 - The teacher will be available to assist students with any questions; however, this is not a tutoring class. Students should be able to work independently and quietly.
 - This is a free service provided to all students at FIDS. Study Hall ends promptly at 4:05 p.m. Students who are picked up later will be charged a late fee to be paid to the FIDS Study Hall teacher.
 - Off-island students may ride the 4:05 p.m. bus back to the mainland.
 - Students should use their time wisely in Study Hall. We feel rules and guidelines help students make the best use of their time.

Study Hall Rules and Guidelines:

- Students should enter the library quietly and be respectful to the teacher and other students.
- Students should choose one place to sit and work independently.
- Students should be respectful of all library books and materials.

Thank you for your support in making every week at FIDS a wonderful learning experience for our children. Your partnership is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Michael Bell
Head of School

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